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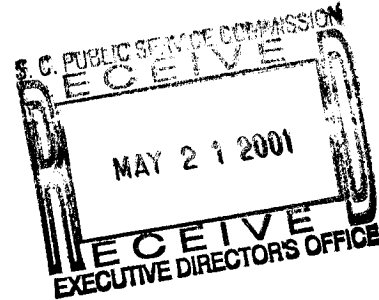
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RE: Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Provide In-Region InterLATA
Services Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996
Docket No.: 2001-209-C
HSB File No.: 255.169

Dear Mr. Walsh:

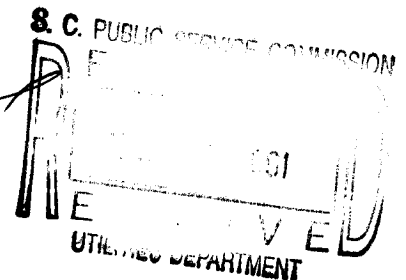
AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T) has not been served, but is informed and believes that BellSouth Communications, Inc. (BellSouth) has today filed a letter requesting a scheduling order in the above-referenced matter. AT&T believes that a hearing on BellSouth's petition is premature at this time and wishes to be heard on the scheduling of this matter. Hopefully by close of business today, but if not, on Monday, May 21, AT&T will file a brief in support of its position on scheduling and respectfully requests oral arguments on this issue.

The parties of record are being served by copy of this letter. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to call. With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francis P. Mood".

Francis P. Mood



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Enclosures

cc: All parties of record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A., hereby certifies that he has served the following parties with a copy of a **letter responding to BellSouth Communications, Inc.'s request for Scheduling Order (Docket No. 2001-209-C)** by causing a copy of same to be mailed in the United States Postal Service, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the persons and attorneys listed below on **MAY 18, 2001**.

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